Co-operative Societies

Reduction of the rate of interest charged by the Co-operative Societies for Adi-Dravidas.

*70 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether any proposals have been made to the Government for reducing the rate of interest charged by the Co-operative Societies for the Adi-Dravidas ?

A.—No proposals have been received by Government. The Commissioner of Labour is considering the question in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the Commissioner of Labour has submitted his report on the question ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Not yet."

Fisheries

Personnel, etc., of the Fisheries Committee.

*71 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) under what circumstances and for what objects the Fisheries Committee was appointed by Government ;

(*b*) what the personnel of the Committee is, and what their qualifications are, for conducting an investigation into the several—including technical—points involved in the enquiry ;

(*c*) why no gentlemen representing the fisherman communities or the West Coast people with some first-hand knowledge of the principal fishery institutions on the West Coast were appointed as members of the Committee ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that some of the fisherman communities brought this defect to the notice of Government ;

(*e*) if so, why their request was not granted ;

(*f*) whether the Committee is expected to scrutinize the policy and operations conducted by the Fisheries Department during Sir K. V. Reddi's tenure of office as Minister ; and

(*g*) why Sir K. V. Reddi was appointed as Chairman as well as member of the Committee ?

A.—(*a*) At the Finance Committee budget meeting there was considerable discussion among members regarding the Fisheries department and the Committee wished to have definite information regarding the policy and programme of research and manufacturing activities of the department. It was with reference to this desire that the Committee has been appointed.

(*b*) The following is the personnel of the Committee :—

(1) M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu Garu, *Kt.*, Chairman.

Members.

(2) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar Avargal, M.L.C.

(3) Dr. F. H. Gravely, Superintendent, Government Museum.